Ever since the Digvijay Singh Government came to power, this has become common. The honour of Dalits, Adivasis and of their women is not safe in Madhya Pradesh. Hence, it is my demand that the Madhya Pradesh Government should be dismissed and security be provided to the Harijans and Adivasis of Madhya Pradesh...*(Interruptions)*

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : Okay, Mr. Home Minister, please take note of what Umaji is saying.

Hon. Members, I have one more notice to be disposed of under Rule 357. This notice is given by hon. Member, Shri Mallikarjun.

DR. MALLIKARJUN (Mahbubnagar) : Sir, when the august House is sitting I felt it is my moral responsibility to clarify about the reported news items in Hindustan Times. Sir, a decision was taken to remake the submarine 877 EKM Sindhuveer in September 1995. The decision does not mean negotiations were completed, negotiations had commenced. Finally this file was submitted to me on 27th March, 1996.

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH) : One minute please. I entirely appreciate what he is trying to say. *(Interruptions)* He is referring to a newspaper statement in the House. *(Interruptions)* You just listen to me.

DR. MALLIKARJUN (Mahbubnagar) : I am not making a statement. Mr. Speaker, I want a clarification.

MR. SPEAKER : I think nothing is good enough.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : I do not think the House can take cognizance of what has been written in the newspaper and Mallikarjunji, we cannot do that.

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE (Bolpur) : The House cannot take cognizance of what is written in the newspaper. *(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : You do not worry about that.

DR. MALLIKARJUN : You kindly hear one sentence. On 27th March, the file was submitted to me. I deferred the decision which should be taken by the new Government, as by that time, elections had been announced. *(Interruptions)* When I found that the price negotiation was not final, I had asked the Negotiating Committee to review the price terms by 12 per cent.

MR. SPEAKER : I do not think that the House can take cognizance of what you have said.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH : This is mentioned by a newspaper. *(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : I entirely agree with you. I agree with Somnathji.

DR. MALLIKARJUN : When I saw the paper, I said that I had asked the negotiating committee to revise the price.

MR. SPEAKER : No. It is enough. We cannot take cognizance of what the newspapers are writing.

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : Sir, this should be removed from the records.

MR. SPEAKER : I will go through it.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : Not today. I have taken the permission of the House right in the beginning.

(Interruptions)

PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA (Patiala) : I have given a notice in writing. It is a very important issue regarding Punjab.

MR. SPEAKER : All right, another five minutes. If the text has been approved by the Secretariat I will honour that though in the beginning I said that we would proceed with the discussion.

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE : After all, your decision is there. You have said that after two or three mentions the discussion will be taken up. What is this going on? It is a make believe situation in this country. There is no Government with a majority. *(Interruptions)* What is this going on here?

MR. SPEAKER : That is why I requested right in the morning, at the commencement of this Session for cooperation in order to gain time. Now we should stick to that. The House did not object to my announcement at that time. You all leaders should stick to that decision.

Mr. Home Minister.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : I have ruled it out. It will not be taken up today.

(Interruptions)

PROF. P.J. KURIEN (Mavelikara) : Mr. Speaker... *(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : Shri Kurien, you cannot go against the consensus of the House. The House has agreed that it will not be taken up. The House, at the beginning itself, has agreed that it cannot be taken up. Why are you creating this problem? Please sit down.